



Katonah Village Library Board Meeting Minutes 4/29/24

Meeting – IN-PERSON

Call to order (Ian Shaw) at 7:04 p.m.

Present: Susan Hassett, Mary Kane, Amy Drucker, Alicia Montano Vigil, Larry Bartelemucci, Ian Shaw, Stephanie Adler Yuan, Catie Hall, Joe Lemire, Vienna Wong, Tanya Fatimi, Eileen Sullivan, Ellen Waltimyer.

Absent:

Approval of Minutes

The March 2024 board meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

Development Report (Waltimyer)

Development Manager Ellen Waltimyer provided a high-level overview of the donor appreciation event and reviewed the event plan, including trustee roles and staffing.

Finance Committee Report (Hassett)

Sue Hassett reported that the Finance Committee reviewed the library's annual report at the last meeting. The finalized report and financial statements will be shared with the board for review and approval.

Director's Report (Kane)

Action Items:

1. Approval of expense for museum passes – unanimously approved.
2. Approval of expense for Mother Goose children's program – unanimously approved.

414 Discussion

Ian Shaw summarized the recent Town of Bedford task force meeting, during which Jerry Nichols, an expert in chapter 414 referendums, presented the process to the three Bedford libraries. Catie Hall shared additional information she gathered at a recent 414 workshop. The board discussed the possibility of pursuing the 414 and the implications for working with the other two libraries.

Action Items:

Motion to pursue a Chapter 414 vote – unanimously approved.

Executive Session

The board went into executive session.

Board meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Alicia Montano Vigil, Secretary

Director's Report

Highlighted Programs

Eclipse madness overtook KVL, with several theme-based programs, and excited (understatement) community members eagerly anticipating the event. After announcing that KVL had free eclipse glasses there was a line of people waiting to grab a pair before the library even opened! KVL's Eclipse watching party was a hit, and there was a feeling of camaraderie and enthusiasm as participants watched together. **The Well-Read Book Group** is currently reading *A Map for the Missing: A Novel* by Belinda Huijuan Tang. **The Still Life Drawing Class** was so appreciated by participants that they requested more drawing classes with the same instructor. **The Taylor Swift Party** (for teens) attracted a slew of new faces to the library, the majority of which were middle-schoolers, who came to listen to Taylor Swift's newest album while making friendship bracelets, buttons, and other Taylor-related activities! A new **Mother Goose** has been hired. Lisa Schulman attracted a large crowd of kids and parents/caregivers at her very first performance. **KPS's Author/poet Jennifer Michael Hecht** held a discussion at the library with 65 people in attendance. **AARP tax aide** ended the tax season, having helped over 200 people, with 75% being seniors. Gail Ames, who heads the program, extended thanks to the library staff who not only scheduled the appointments but assisted in tracking down missing tax documents, printing, and connecting taxpayers to someone who could answer their questions. The upcoming event, **Shadow Puppet Theater of Java** has sold 25 tickets so far. This event, made possible via a grant from the American Indonesian Cultural and Education Foundation, features skilled performers bringing traditional Javanese tales to life through beautifully crafted puppets, music and stories told through the intricate art of shadow play. There will also be delicious Indonesian appetizers from Pecel Ndeso available to pre-order. Additionally, KVL extended an invitation to the Consul General (Adi Winanto) of the Republic of Indonesia, who may be attending and saying a few words.

Meetings Attended

- Master Planning Committee meeting: interviews of architectural firms (w/ trustees Bartelemucci/Fatimi/Lemire)
- Meeting with LibraryMarket (planning new website calendar)
- Bedford Town Meeting on Library funding (w/ board trustees)